GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1815
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Voting Rights to NRIs
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision on extending voting rights to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether Election Commission of India has conveyed its willingness for the same; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P.CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): At present, under the provisions of section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 read with the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, Non Resident Indian Voters can cast their vote in person in the constituency where their names are registered.